

REMARKS

Claims 1-64 are pending. Claims 1-64 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 65-68 have been added to more specifically point out what applicant regards as the invention. New claims 65 and 66 correspond to previous claim 41, and new claims 67 and 68 correspond to previous claims 42 and 43, respectively. Support for these amendments is found *inter alia* in the specification. Applicant submits that these amendments raise no issue of new matter. Thus, claims 65-68 will be pending and under examination upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

Sequence Listing

Applicant submits herewith (a) a paper copy of the sequence listing, inserted into the specification following the Abstract of the Disclosure, (b) a request to use the computer readable form (CRF) of the sequence listing submitted in connection with prior application U.S. Serial No. 09/718,032, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and (c) a statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f) attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, certifying that the CRF submitted in the prior application and the written sequence listing contain the same sequence information.

Information Disclosure

In accordance with her duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant requests that the following disclosures be made of record in the above-identified application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). These references are also listed on the Form PTO-1449 attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. Copies of items 14, 17, 23, 37, 41, 42, 50, and 51 were previously submitted in connection with U.S. Serial No. 09/082,737, of which the subject application claims priority. Copies of items 1-13, 15, 16, 18-22, 24-36, 38-40, 43-49 and 52-62 were previously submitted in connection with U.S. Serial No. 09/718,032.

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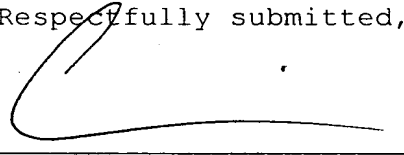
Summary

Applicant maintains that the claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance is respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the application filing fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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